[113 cont.]

437 Dillon, however, p. 163, says that gifts were always offered in return for gifts given to them.

found transactions tiresome because in each case the seller entered into long consultations with the bystanders about the price he should accept (9). [114] Joest says that the only things

9. Dewar, p. 248.

[181] that will induce the native to get up early are war and making money; everyone wants to become a capitalist. The same [577] traveler maintains that they cheat whenever they can, and even if they are caught at it, they show neither shame nor embarrassment (1).

1. Joest in Baessler, pp. 373 f., 391 f. However, cf. Moresby, pp. 82 and 87.

436 In former times shell money supposedly was used on Ndeni, probably like the strings of shell disks worn around the neck and the body (2). A peculiarity of the group, which incidentally, is

2. Codrington, p. 324.

confirmed only for Ndeni and the Reef Islands, [Fig. 43 appears here] is feather money (3). Each piece (Fig. 43) consists of a

[113] 3. Cf. E.H. Giglioli in Archivio per l'Antropologia e Etnologia, XXXV, pp. 389 ff. Edge-Partington, I, 165, No. 1. Codrington, p. 324. Coote, p. 155. (The statement that feather money is actually worn around the body like a belt on festive occasions, as Coote maintains, is undoubtedly only a vague conjecture.) Joest, Tagebuch, p. 53.